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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, EAGR

SUBJECT: SUGAR SHIPMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES

REF: MANILA 1178

1. PRESIDENT MARCOS, ON FEBRUARY 3, INFORMED ME OFFICIALLY THAT PHILIPPINES REMAINS INTERESTED IN LONG-TERM SUGAR SUPPLY CONTRACTS WITH U.S. IMPORTERS. HE SAID THAT INDUSTRY TEAM WHICH HAD MADE INFORMAL SOUNDINGS IN U.S. CAME BACK EMPTY-HANDED, BECAUSE U.S. REFINERIES SHOWED NO INTEREST.

2. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE UNDERSTOOD AUSTRALIA HAD MADE FIVE YEAR CONTRACT FOR 24 CENTS A POUND, BUT THAT IT HAD BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY SEVERAL "SIDE DEALS" WHICH INVOLVED FAVORABLE INVESTMENT ARRANGEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT SALES. HE SAID HE WISHED TO CONFIRM THAT PHILIPPINES WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS "PACKAGES" SUCH AS THE AUSTRALIAN PACKAGE IF THAT IS WHAT U.S. IMPORTERS WANT.

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3. COMMENT: CANBERRA MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON REPORTS

OF "SIDE DEALS" IN AUSTRALIAN CONTRACT. I ASSUME
MARCOS WAS REFERRING TO POSSIBLE SALES OF SUGAR MILLING
EQUIPMENT, ETC., WHICH WERE MENTIONED IN SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE REPORT OF TRADE BILL, AND HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT
OF MUCH INDUSTRY GOSSIP.
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